

**WEEKLY REPORT**  
**Region 10 Environmental Protection Agency**  
*Week of June 17, 2013*

**Potential or Expected Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions**

**Press:**

Update for week of June 10: On Tuesday, June 11, Region 10 will issue an administrative order to the FMC Corporation directing them to implement the \$57 million Interim Record of Decision for the clean up of elemental phosphorus contamination. This has been an on-going issue for many years and the order will allow cleanup activities to proceed under EPA oversight with an enforceable schedule. The Region will issue a news release and speak with local reporters. The cleanup remedy has already been covered extensively in the press, this is the final administrative and legal step needed to govern the cleanup work.

During the week of June 17, EPA may issue a news release and update its website announcing the availability of the latest report on the transboundary ecosystem indicators for the Puget Sound/Georgia Basin. This occurs every five years under the Statement of Cooperation between EPA and Environment Canada. The report looks at nine different ecosystem indicators and whether they are improving or declining. This is not expected to be controversial and will likely receive some press interest. <http://www.epa.gov/pugetsound/indicators/index.html>

During the week of June 17, Region 10 may issue two news releases related to RCRA violations at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in eastern Washington state. One of these cases is against the Department of Energy, the other against a waste handling contractor. There has been much interest in Hanford by the Seattle media lately, so we expect these cases will receive significant coverage. Enforcement confidential.

During the week of June 17, Region 10 may issue a news release announcing a Consent Decree with the Port of Tacoma resolving Clean Water Act section 404/wetlands violations. The agreement calls for a \$500,000 penalty and \$3 million in compensatory wetlands work. This is a large case and will receive media attention locally. When the Port signed the agreement it issued a news release, so local media is already aware, but the Region will be clarifying some of the facts of the case and so there will be additional media coverage. Enforcement confidential.

On June 18, Region 10 will participate in a media event for the graduating class of the Superfund Job Training Initiative program at the Duwamish River Superfund Site in downtown Seattle.

**Policy Issues:**

**Grants:**

None reported.

**Legislative Engagement:**

None

**Travel/public meetings/speaking engagements for the Assistant Administrators, or Regional Administrators:**

On Tuesday, June 18, Regional Administrator Dennis McLerran is scheduled to participate in the Arctic Spill of National Significance Oil Spill Exercise in Anchorage, Alaska. The drill is hosted by the U.S. Coast Guard and will be attended by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, the U.S. Department of Interior, major oil companies, cleanup contractors and others. Anchorage, closed press.

On Wednesday, June 19, Regional Administrator, Dennis McLerran is scheduled to meet with Kitsap County Commissioner, Charlotte Garrdio to discuss water infrastructure issues. Bremerton, Washington, closed press.

On Thursday, June 20, Regional Administrator, Dennis McLerran is scheduled to meet with Matthew Cohen of Stoel Rives who represents Automotive Carbon Fibers. They will discuss issues related to air permitting a carbon fiber plant in Moses Lake, Washington. Closed press.

**Upcoming in June:**

TBD, Region 10 may issue a news release announcing three draft NPDES permits for municipalities in north Idaho. These permits will set lower phosphorus levels in order to meet the downstream TMDL limits in the state of Washington. Earlier drafts of these permits have been controversial because they will mean significant new investments by the municipalities. Region 10 directly implements the NPDES program in Idaho. This may slip to the week of June 10.

Region 10 may issue a news release announcing a settlement of a Clean Air Act 112r case with an Idaho cheese maker. The case involves the storage and handling of anhydrous ammonia. We are also awaiting DOJ's signature on an NPDES enforcement case at this same facility. Enforcement confidential.

On-going: In mid-May, Region 10 heard informally from Shell Alaska that the company will no longer be requesting revisions to the Discoverer and Kulluk drillship air permits from EPA and that the company wishes to transition/transfer its permits to the Department of Interior for exploratory drilling activities in Alaska's Outer Continental Shelf in 2014. Region 10 technical, legal and communications staff are communicating with their respective EPA and Department of Interior counterparts to coordinate our activities and the path forward. Confidential.